

King on trail of social justice

by Kristina Stockwood

"There can be no justice without peace and no peace without justice," said Coretta Scott King to a public forum entitled 'Toward a Coalition for Social Justice'.

The conference, organized by Project Genesis to mark their 10th anniversary, took place at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel last Sunday. King is President of the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. She was keynote speaker for the event.

Project Genesis, a community service organization operating in Côte des Neiges, holds the same philosophies as the King Center, which advocates the need for global social justice.

"We were founded to perpetuate the legitimate philosophies and strategies for non-violent social change, particularly focusing on racism, poverty and violence," King said of the Centre.

"Martin Luther King Jr. warned the nation that we had to find an alternative to violence — either we have non-violence or we have non-existence," she said.

Carrying on the philosophy of her slain husband, King said, "Violence solves no social problems and only creates temporary peace, but non-violence is the only force that can achieve permanent peace."

"I'm more convinced than ever that non-violent action has an international application. We can see an example today of the racism he talked about in South Africa."

"I believe very firmly that Kingian non-violence can work in South Africa. I went to South Africa in the spirit of non-violence, in the spirit of reconciliation and peace," she said.

King clarified her position on economic sanctions against South Africa, saying, "I think there has been some misrepresentation of my views. I have supported sanctions for many years."

"Sanctions should be coupled with aid that would benefit the victims of Apartheid," she said. "Martin Luther King Jr. said that if just two nations — the U.S. and Great Britain — would agree to sanctions, then South Africa would have to eliminate the system of Apartheid. Our government can do that."

King related her conversation with President Reagan about sanctions, explaining that "the nations surrounding South Africa depend on it for survival," and are thus incapable of imposing sanctions without aid from Western countries.

"Of course, Mr. Reagan got the message," she added.

When asked if Canada and smaller nations should impose sanctions despite lesser economic effect than other world powers, King responded, "I think that it's a moral issue in the world community. It's a message of solidarity that says to them that we support your cause." She urges all countries to join the boycott.

Other speakers joined King in condemning South Africa. McGill Pro-

fessor Jim Torczyner, founder of Project Genesis, also quoted Martin Luther King Jr: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"Social justice begins with the premise that we are all equal."

"Apartheid is not only a political reality, it is a legal regime," said McGill Professor and human rights activist Irwin Cotler. "South Africa is alone among the countries of the world that has institutionalized racism as law."

Cotler stressed the importance of the Coalition for Social Justice, saying it "must have a sense of urgency about it. No coalition can turn a blind eye to the corrosive aspect of racism."

King Jr. called for "equity, equality and economic justice," he said.

"The time has come when we must come together in solidarity," said Coretta King. "When we carry the message of Martin Luther King's spirit, people come together."

She is concerned about education in the U.S., because, she said "we have a serious crisis in our educational development...not only for minorities but for all Americans."

She does not foresee an improvement until "we have a more favourable climate and a more favourable administration in office."

Surprisingly, she said, when they introduced the bill for the Martin Luther King holiday, it was passed and "Reagan signed it."



Coretta Scott King carries on her husband's struggle for human rights.

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StudSoc to vote on tuition increase

by Chris Lawson

Students' Society Council will vote tonight on a motion to reverse its stand in favour of tuition fee increases.

The motion, to be presented by Carlene Gardner, Clubs representative to council, is in response to a petition circulated on campus since Monday, which is demanding SSMU oppose all tuition fee increases.

"Response has been very good. I've seen about six hundred signatures with my own eyes and there are lots more sheets circulating," said Peter Nixon, an organizer of the petition.

Students' Society's controversial stand on tuition fee increases was articulated in its brief to the Gratton commission on education. The document recommends that tuition fees

rise to \$1000 next year, and \$500 more every year after until a ceiling of \$2500 is reached by 1990.

Says Gardner, "A lot of students were upset that SSMU had approved the brief."

"Council's previous stand needs to be evaluated on the grounds that, evidently, it's not what students want," she said.

"We should be representing students in Quebec City. That is why we should give the VP-External a mandate to represent student opinion as expressed in this petition," she added.

SSMU will present its brief on October 14th.

Humanist party shut out

by Gertrude Caisse and Richard Banvill

Montréalers are due to elect a new mayor and city council this November, in an election which is ostensibly an exercise of democracy. One small party, however, is raising questions about the extent to which people can exercise their basic right to participate.

The Humanist Party of Québec (HP) recently presented its candidacy as a political party in the up-coming municipal election. Under Article 46 of Québec's electoral laws, however, provincial parties like the HP are prohibited from using the same name at the municipal level.

As a result, the law prevents the HP from fielding a slate of Humanists, an act which they claim is 'undemocratic'.

HP's official agent, Roger Gingras, said "it is essential we offer the people of Montréal with a real and democratic alternative. Therefore, we have created Montréal's Orange Party (MOP)."

"But," says Gingras, "once again, the existing system presents another undemocratic hurdle." Municipal electoral regulations require a \$300 deposit per candidate, a requirement which the HP says is an "institutionalized undemocratic measure to exclude; women, students, the elderly and the unemployed from exercising their democratic right to direct participation." Under municipal regulations an official 'party' must run a full nineteen candidates, which is not financially feasible for small grassroots parties.

As a symbolic gesture of their protest, the HP is dissolving MOP and running an independent candidate, Marie-Claire Desroches. Desroches says that it is necessary to dissolve

MOP because "if we were to participate under such electoral laws we would be no different from MCM, the Parti Civic, and the ADM in that we would be supporting a limited right to participation."

At a recent press conference the Humanist Party announced that their platform reflected a commitment to an "open-democracy" and decentralization of power. Proposals from the platform include the formation of neighbourhood councils, the abolition

of the \$300 per candidate deposit, a law whereby electoral representatives would have to resign if they did not fulfill electoral promises, a system of proportional representation, and public access to City Council's official question period.

According to Desroches, "These measures create the conditions for a true democratic process."

The election will take place November 9th.

Ex-Prisoner condemns Pakistan

by James M. Kilgell

Rasul Baksh Palejo was held in Pakistan prisons for nine and a half years, from 1976 until June 1986. While in prison he was denied treatment for ulcers, a condition which ultimately threatened his life.

Palejo is a human rights activist and was recognized by Amnesty International as a prisoner of conscience.

On Tuesday, September 23, he spoke to approximately 50 people at a meeting sponsored by the McGill Pakistan Students Association.

Having been released from prison to travel to the United States for medical treatment, Palejo is now the Secretary General of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) in Pakistan.

He described the current situation in Pakistan: "General Zia has shocked the people into submission. He is pursuing a well thought out policy, to make the people fight themselves on the basis of religion and sex."

"This is state organized civil war," Palejo said, "The army is not fighting in the East or North, but are fighting their own people. People are being shot in the streets for demanding their civil rights. Zia is making them fight on any issue except the restoration of democracy."

When the British withdrew from India in 1947, they divided the Indian sub-continent into two countries, with three separate parts — India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. The division occurred along religious lines, with the Muslim minority being given Bangladesh and present-day Pakistan. As a result, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan today is a theocratic Muslim state.

On the issue of Islamic Pakistan, Palejo said, "The first question to deal with in Pakistan is who was it created for? If Pakistan was created for Muslims there are problems. There are 72 interpretations of Islam — which is correct? If Pakistan is a Muslim state,

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WU responds

To the Daily:

I am writing regarding the unsigned editorial entitled "The Pill at McGill" which appeared in Tuesday's Tribune. Tribune editors might consider getting their facts straight before publishing such material.

No, the Women's Union (WU) does not supply the pill. We cannot legally sell prescription drugs. We sell barrier forms of birth control. The diaphragm does require a prescription, but it is not a drug. In the past we have looked into stocking the pill. We have discovered that we are not authorized to sell it.

It is true that the WU provides a forum for debate and that women have expressed varied opinions as to the advisability of using the pill. These are the personal opinions of individuals which can be freely explored without implying any firm policy of the WU as a whole.

Yes, "the spectrum of woman's voice and experience is broad." Anyone who attends WU meetings and activities will know that this spectrum is realized at the WU as well as elsewhere.

The Tribune has been told, by myself and other members of the Women's Union, our reasons for not supplying the pill. There is no excuse for such misrepresentation of facts.

Maggie de Vries
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Considering refugees

To the Daily:

In reaction to the summary given about the proposal for a Refugee Scholarship Fund in *The Daily* of September 22, 1986, I am surprised to read that such a negative attitude exists toward the program at McGill.

The article only focuses on the issues: whether students should be paying for the university education of others; and, whether students should have the option to decide themselves if they wish to contribute to the fund. The question whether receiving a refugee student within the university community is a worthy endeavour, is not addressed. This is the essential question which must be addressed.

The increase in political tension around the world has increased the number of people who are refugees today. Those that are students are in a special situation which does not allow them to start or continue a university education. A most demoralizing situation. The possibility to aid such a student and provide him or her with the means to a university education — something we all enjoy and are

provided with through the means of others in our society, such as government subsidies, cannot otherwise be, but a worthy deed.

In initiating the Student Refugee Scholarship Fund, McGill has the luxury of learning from programs run at other universities. At the University of Toronto the program was formerly started in 1984. Today four students are selected each year. Trent University and Queen's University have Refugee Scholarship Funds which are running successfully. I hope McGill University will seriously consider to set up a Refugee Scholarship Fund.

Hilde Hey
Graduate of University of Toronto

Access McGill

To The Daily:

Access-McGill was first formed in answer to the needs of disabled students who were in quest of a university education.

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The Membership of Access-McGill

No regrets

To The Daily:

Sometimes we write things to school newspapers which we soon regret. I have yet to regret anything I've written to *The Daily*. Maybe this is because I haven't written enough things: maybe I've always stuck to things I know a little something about... Or maybe it's because I've never written anything that's just really, really stupid.

Jon Rosenbloom
BA U3

James MacInnis and Heather Ann Matheson:
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events

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Alpine Ski Team general meeting, training to follow. New members welcome. Currie Gym at 16h00 (see blackboard).

McGill Nordic Ski Team first general meeting, all welcome. At 18h00, Currie Gym, rm. 408.

Uhuru Na Ufahamu developing areas study group meeting. Presentation on refugees and further planning for issues of silence. All welcome. At 18h00, in Union 410.

WUSC McGill screening of 'Sanctuary', a film on the international refugee problem by the World Council of Churches. At 14h00, Leacock 232. Talk and discussion after on the refugee problem, by Dr. Hugh Pilkington at 16h00, Leacock 232.

Black Student's Network meeting. All welcome. Bring membership payment (\$5). At 16h45, Union 425. Call 273-1259.

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Hillel: 'Introduction to the Philosophy of Prayer'. Lecturer: Dr. Henry Biberfeld. Admission \$8. At 19h00, 3460 Stanley St.

ASA "Inside Speakers" Series presents Professor M. Bisson speaking on Archaeological Fieldwork in the Canadian Subarctic. At 12h00, 3434 McTavish.

Political Science Speaker Series Professor Thomas Bruneau on 'Consolidation of Democracy in Brazil: The Politics of Constitutional Renewal'. At 16h00, Leacock 424.

Student's Council meeting. At 19h00, Union 107/108. Call 392-8922.

McGill Women's Rugby Club: 'Rugby Day' at the Blood Drive. At 10h00-19h00, Union Ballroom.

McGill Choral Society rehearsal, everybody welcome. At 19h30, 3449 University.

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Mayoral candidate from another planet

by Susie Petersiel

"Why try to get a diploma when you can't get a job with it? You should smoke, get drunk, smoke pot." So says Francois 'Yo' Gourd, co-owner of *Foufounes Electriques*, Jean Drapeau look-alike, and mayoral candidate in the November 9 municipal elections.

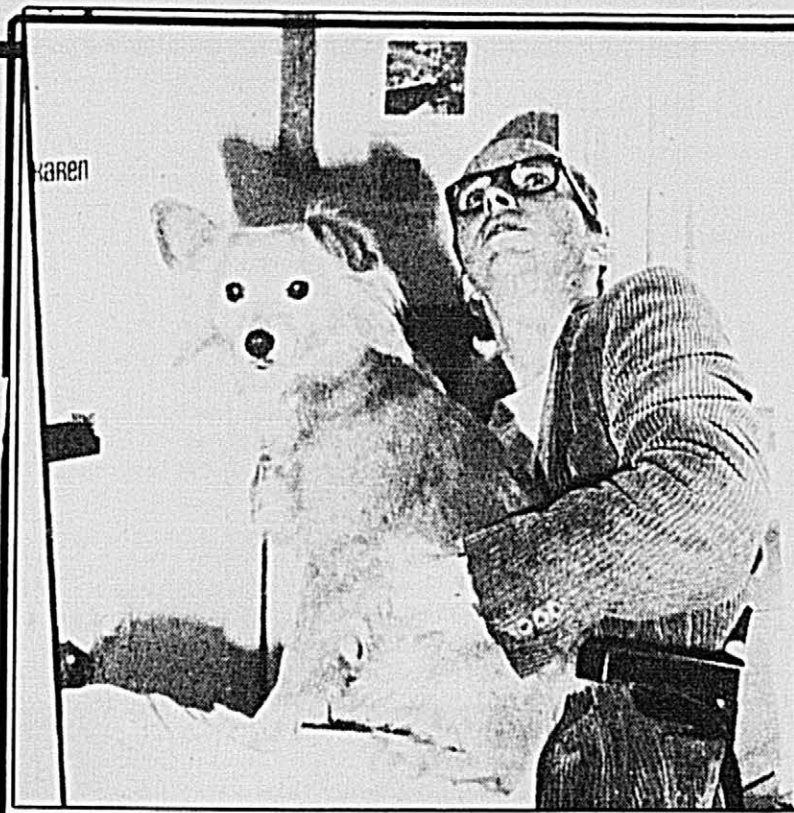
Gourd is the founder of "le Mouvement pour l'Avenir Traditionnel," a group whose politics "are similar to those of the Regressive Conservatives."

Gourd shaved the top of his head and donned black horn-rimmed glasses, to make himself look like retiring mayor Jean Drapeau. "I did it to show respect to such a great man. He was mayor for 29 years — I guess the people liked him, eh?" he said in a September 26 interview with *The Daily*.

His hair is beginning to grow back in now, "it's changing — first I showed people the old, and now I'm showing them the new," explained Gourd.

"Drapeau gave us an unfinished Olympic Stadium, and I'll finish it," said Gourd. "And I have a bigger project than his little Expo. It's called Project 2000 and it will make Montréal the largest city in the whole world. We'll have Montréal and Toronto build towards each other, and by the year 2000, we'll have Toronttréal."

Gourd also wants to annex Westmount. "We'll send all the people in Westmount to Toronto, and use the houses for casinos and places of joy and happiness."



If elected, Gourd promises to bring the Eiffel Tower to Montréal

"We're for Dorval. We're for Mirabel. And we're for a third international airport at St. Hubert. We should be bringing more people into Montréal," said Gourd, addressing the contentious Dorval-Mirabel question.

Gourd is travelling to France next month to meet the mayor of Paris. "I'd like to bring the Eiffel Tower to Montréal and put it in Olympic Stadium. Then we would charge fifty dollars per person to see it, and this would solve the city's financial problems. If we can't get the Eiffel Tower, I'd like to get the leaning Tower of Pisa. I also want to paint Montréal like *Foufounes* so it will be the most colourful city in the world."

His two competitors are well qualified for the job. Claude Dupras is an engineer and Jean Doré is a lawyer. Gourd feels he also has strong qualifications to be mayor of Montréal. "I drink a lot, I smoke a lot, I chase after a lot of votes at night. I have devoted myself to Canada for the last eight years by being an active member of the Rhino party. I'm co-owner of *Foufounes*, and we're trying to prove

that there are things going on in Montréal, by promoting art, music and theatre. And we're economically successful without having any grants."

The three mayoral candidates are "three men giving their time to the city," said Gourd, "and if I'm elected mayor, both Dupras and Doré will get high administrative positions. I hope both of them will do the same for me."

"After I come back from Paris," said Gourd, "I'm inviting the public to *Foufounes* for an evening of fundraising and bum-painting. I want everyone to come and raise some FUN. Admission will be five dollars, six dollars for students with I.D."

Becoming as serious as he is likely to get, Gourd said, "You can't vote for someone you don't like or don't trust. People have been screwed so many times by the government, they don't believe in it anymore. People don't care, and that's a little bit scary. I feel that if you have something to say, then you should stand up and say it. I'm saying what I have to say. If we don't move our ass, they'll kick our ass — might as well move our ass."

Dupras out-promotes himself

by Kristina Stockwood

Mayoral candidate Claude Dupras' approach to his campaign can be summed up in one sentence: "I want to be the super promoter and salesman for Montréal."

He spoke to about 50 people at Concordia's downtown campus Thursday.

The former engineer spoke briefly of his platform, saying "it concerns mainly what our city is, what it can be and what it should be."

"What is gonna be the issue for the next campaign, I put it in a package what I call quality of life," Dupras said.

Dupras emphasized Montréal's financial difficulties: "Already we are strangled by lack of money in the city. On the one hand we have taxes that are too high and on the other people who are asking things from the candidates."

"I want to be mayor," he said, "but not at any price. We, the Civic Party, don't want to increase taxes." However, he added, "we have decided not to make any promises we can't deliver."

Dupras wants to encourage private interests to "make new investments that will create jobs and add revenue to the city." He envisions a completely rebuilt city, developed to maximum potential.

"Luckily, we have all this new constructions to pay for (the deficit) and am very happy about it."

He said no development would be permitted on Mount Royal. "I wanna



Claude Dupras looking to hitch a biigggg ride.

increase the size of the mountain," he said, contradicting himself.

He did not reveal how he would do this without construction. "I don't want to say once again that I'm an engineer. But I am one," he said.

Dupras outlined a plan for a multicultural festival that seems to be

designed to placate his critics. Not only would it improve the "quality of life" in Montréal, but also it would provide jobs for ethnic communities, selling handicrafts "in the street."

Dupras admitted there are boundaries between the ethnic communities in Montréal. "We who live in this city next to these people don't really know what's here."

When he was accused of following the party line of former mayor Jean Drapeau, he said, "My name is Claude Dupras, not Jean Drapeau. It's different."

Asked about job creation schemes for youth at the civic level, he replied, "I'll reveal my position on that in the future."

When asked why there are no minority candidates, in the Civic Party, he said he had approached two people to represent visible minorities, but they had turned him down.

"If I put a visible minority in the East End, he wouldn't get elected. I have to put people who fit into the milieu there so they will win."

One member of the audience asked, "How can you expect people to vote for the Civic Party when you can't even join it?"

"That's a good question," he said, "We want to have an open party. It's not now, but it will be soon."

news

Voice of Women speaks loud on nukes

by Carla Mallinoff
Lydia Mamane

Voice of Women, an international organization concerned with peace and social justice, gathered at Concordia University last Friday to discuss Canada's role in the military industry.

Peace activists Madeline Parent, Dr. Rosalie Bertell and Dr. Ursula Franklin spoke to an audience of 300.

Franklin emphasized the theme of the seminar, "Action Rather than Reaction," when she began by saying the only way to deal with the manifestations of nuclear waste is by preventing the production of high-technology weapons.

"For every bloody tank we produce, we have to buy from the U.S. the equivalent amount of military equipment with the Canadian dollar," Franklin said.

"The military industry complex creates a very few jobs for a very few for a lot of money," she added.

Franklin called Canada an agent to the United States in the internal conflict in Nicaragua for the production of several arms located within our boundaries.

She urges a very specific form of protest: "We do not go to our government necessarily to say do this, don't do that but go for the big issues," she said.

"Ask the government what evidence would they need to bar ships from the ports?" she added.

"There is in every person a moment when the nuclear crisis and the person come into a clash. It is useful to be there at that moment," she concluded.

Dr. Rosalée Bertell focused on how the nuclear industry has damaged the environment. Noting upcoming conferences titled "Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy," Bertell urges Canadians to make connections between nuclear energy and the state of the environment. Bertell said she "wishes people were asking about the uses of Canadian uranium."

Her prime example of environmental damage is Key Lake, Saskatchewan, where 45 persons were exposed to radiation. Some of the toxic waste resulting from the enormous uranium mining occurring in Northern Saskatchewan was injected underground, coming within 10 feet of the water table, said Bertell.

"Then the company put it on top of the ground, because they said it was a great fertilizer. Everything died. The company said it was too strong, so they put water on top of it," she said.

Bertell asked how many people were aware of these facts; about seven hands went up.

She mentioned the "positive building signs" of an activist group



called "Scandinavian Women." The group is visiting 153 nations, asking questions like "Are you willing to keep your military on your own soil?" and "Are you willing to contribute to the education and material advancement of developing nations?" Scandinavian Women will be in Montreal the last week of October at the Canadian consulate. On the 5th of December, these women will simultaneously go to Moscow and Washington to give the responses of 155 nations.

Parent spoke of the need for people of different races and colours to work together in the fight against nuclear waste. She said that if both Anglophone and Francophone Canadians "respect each other in their diversities, they can develop a kind of solidarity... (and) restrain a hand in Ottawa."

...Ex prisoner condemns Pakistan

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why not a Hindu or Suni state?

"There must be a separation of the state and religion. One must say 'You are no longer a Hindu or a Muslim, you are a citizen of Pakistan and have equal rights,' he said.

Palejo said that Pakistan, as a state based upon the laws of Islam, legitimizes and maintains the present rule. "Monarchy or autocracy have no place in Islam. Islam provides punishment for all crimes except the theft of sovereignty. If you are for a religious state you must accept General Zia. Religion creates the king, anybody on the throne is sacrosanct."

Palejo recommends the implementation of a constitutional democracy, but warned, "Pakistan is having trouble building confidence in the constitution. Three provinces (Baluchistan, Sind and Northwest Frontier) are worried about the domination of the fourth (Punjab); the fourth refuses to accept domination by the majority.

"Now the minorities have no

guarantee of even a reduced set of rights. These discrepancies are ingrained in Pakistan's history," he said.

Palejo noted that the character of Pakistan makes change difficult. "Everything is artificial in the nation of Pakistan. Pakistan is the only nation who's language is not spoken naturally by any of its citizens."

"Punjab is the most culturally deprived province as they won't even use their own language."

He also said that the present régime is using history to maintain its rule. "Zia is fighting with the psychological weapon of a thousand years of history. They are rewriting history, justifying anti-scientific falsehoods as validated by Islam. He is saying 'either you be my slave or fight it out with me.'"

"We need to question everything," he concluded. "Even if we have a democratic Pakistan how long would it last? But we must say 'don't use the fair name of Islam in civil matters'."

"We must insist upon being treated as human beings with all attendant rights and dignity."

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and friends before. On some occasions, however, it can be embarrassing to talk to those we know, and the anonymity offered by Nightline provides the caller with the opportunity to speak openly without fear of reprisal.

McGill Nightline operates late at night, at a time when other campus groups have long since closed for the day. The need has been amply demonstrated: last year Nightline handled over 2500 calls. And the phones keep ringing.

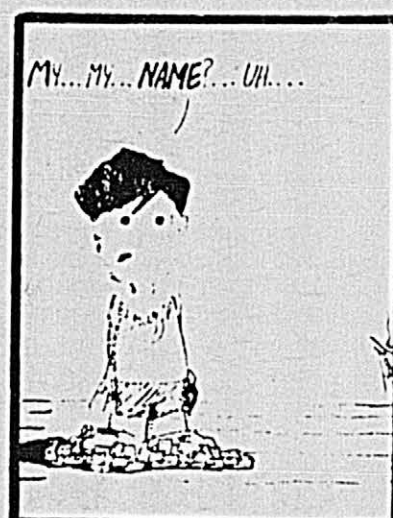
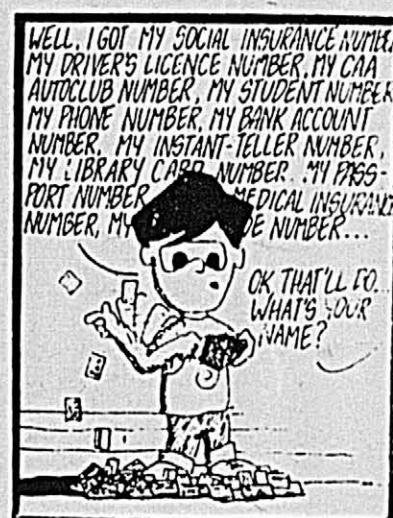
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by Ted Yun



Undergraduate library services in question

To All Undergraduate Students:

The present and future of library services to undergraduate students at McGill is currently being studied by a Task Force on Library Services to Undergraduate Students. As the student representative on the task force I feel that while we have heard from faculty and library personnel, the concerns of the undergraduate students themselves are still unvoiced. We need your comments and criticisms on such topics as the reserve system, study space, the usefulness of the general collection and instruction on library

use. Though these topics primarily concern the Undergraduate (Redpath) Library, we realize that undergraduates are also regular users of the other libraries (e.g. Education, Physical Science and Engineering) and comments on the services in these other libraries are equally important. The specific needs of undergraduate must be brought to the attention of the task force by the students themselves, particularly on topics not covered in the list above.

Whether hostile or creative, your remarks on the present state of library services to undergraduate students are welcome.

Please bring your comments in writing to the following address by Friday, October 17, 1986:

Prof. Helen Gougeon
Chairman Task Force on Library Services to Undergraduate Students
Powell Student Services Bldg.
RM 211 (3637 Peel St.)

David J. Hadley

India-Canada Association

Is your knowledge of India restricted to the movie *Gandhi*, or the smell of curry from that Indian restaurant downtown.

We at the India-Canada Students Association (ICSA) hope to rectify the situation. The ICSA was formed at McGill last May to share our knowledge of one of the oldest and fastest growing civilizations in the world with the students and faculty of McGill.

We will be organizing cultural, social and educational events starting off with the *Gandhi* Blood Drive (the Mahatma, not Rajiv) on

Thursday 2nd October, to commemorate his birthday. During the coming year, there will also be fundraising activities to sponsor a student from the Indian sub-continent to McGill and workshops to prepare anyone who plans to go to India for work, study or travel.

Though the name of the association refers to 'India', there is a move within the group to broaden its membership to students from all of the Indian sub-continent. If you are interested in getting involved in such an organization, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The first meeting of this semester was held yesterday. During this meeting, the election of office holders took place. Farah Faruqi was elected chair, Richard Coutinho VP administration and Kanwar Dhillion VP finance.

It is still not too late to join the association. The most important event for now is the Blood Drive tomorrow. We will appreciate any help, so if you want to help a good cause, please contact: Ramesh at 739-1439, Richard 286-0258 or Ravila at 465-8525.

India-Canada Students' Association



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Depo Provera: a shot in the dark?

The federal government has been holding a series of closed-door meetings on contraception which, critics say, are a "sham" and merely an attempt to deflect attention away from a demand for public hearings on the pending approval of the controversial drug Depo-Provera as a contraceptive in Canada.

Health and Welfare Canada is presently winding up a series of one-day, "invitation-only" meetings this month in six Canadian cities, aimed at assessing the risks and benefits of using Depo-Provera and making recommendations on the controversy to senior Health and Welfare officials.

And, the Canadian Coalition on Depo-Provera, an umbrella group of 75 organizations across the country opposed to the certification of the drug, has criticised the federal government for not opening the meetings to the public and the media. "They have been set up only to sidetrack the coalitions request for public hearings about Depo," a Toronto representative of the coalition told reporters outside the Sept. 15 meeting. "They're a mockery of the democratic process."

But Karen Kennedy, coordinator and chair of the meetings, responded to the criticism levelled at the process by telling reporters outside the Toronto meeting that the panel will discuss a wide range of birth control issues and not make any recommendations to the government. "We're looking at the whole area of fertility control, not only Depo-Provera," the Health and Welfare consultant said.

Depo-Provera, a synthetic hormone manufactured by the U.S.-based multinational Upjohn Co., is currently used in over 80 countries and has been given to over 10 million women in the third world for birth control, with the approval of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF).

But the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) disallowed the drug because tests on animals over the past 15 years indicate the drug causes cancer. That the drug is fit for the use of third world women but not white women in the U.S. has led many critics to the conclusion that women in underdeveloped countries are being used as human guinea pigs to test new contraceptive technology.

"After refusal in the U.S. on the grounds Depo is unsafe," says Deborah Van Wyck of the Canadian Coalition, "Upjohn is treating Canada as a Third World dumping ground. It's hoping a well-funded, well-cloaked lobby will result in the certification of the controversial drug here, where it failed in the U.S.," she said.

Used by doctors in Canada since the '60s to treat endometriosis and cancer, as well as to stop the menstrual bleeding of mentally handicapped and physically disabled women, Depo-Provera boasts a myriad of adverse side-effects. Temporary or permanent infertility, anaemia,

diabetes, uterine disease, permanent damage to the pituitary gland, lowered resistance to infection, deformities in offspring, severe mental depression, as well as cervical, endometrial and breast cancer are some of the reported long-term effects of the drug.

A 1981 study by Dr. Donald Zarfas, a professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at the University of Western Ontario, found the rate of breast cancer was 25 times above average in the institutionalized handicapped women in Canada who had been given the drug — "usually without their informed consent," he wrote.

Short term effects include weight gain or loss, abdominal discomfort, nausea, headaches, loss of hair, limb pain, disruption of menstrual cycle, vaginal discharge and the spotty darkening of facial skin.

The drug also causes a loss or decrease of sexual libido and/or orgasm. While a loss of libido would probably not be tolerated by most men, populations experts and Upjohn managers — predominantly men — are willing to inflict this on women. Male sex offenders who have been administered the drug as a "cure" have called Depo "chemical castration."

Depo is administered by injection every three months and works similarly to the Pill. It inhibits ovulation by suppressing hormones to the pituitary gland. After discontinuation of the drug, a woman's body takes from six to eighteen months to become fertile again. The injections last for three months so if any negative side effects arise, a woman must suffer through them until the injection wears off.

Worried the drug would be quickly and silently approved without adequate research or consultation, the Coalition presented four demands to the federal Health Minister, Jake Epp last year. The Coalition wanted information in the hands of Health and Welfare Canada and Upjohn to be made public, public hearings on the drug composed of medical as well as consumer representatives, and a guarantee that the safety of the drug be firmly established before its certification in Canada.

But the Coalition's demands fell on deaf ears. Not only have the meetings been closed, but concerned groups also expressed disappointment that there had been no attempt by the government to publicize the meetings and that some of the invited groups had not been given adequate time to prepare their submissions to the panel.

Health and Welfare official Nes Lubinsky told angry women turned away from the meeting in Toronto that the meetings were closed "entirely for the protection of the groups who are presenting. We want them to feel free to speak their minds," he said.

"That's a load of crap," responded Joanne Doucette of the Toronto Disabled Women's Network (DAWN), one of the groups that made a submission to the panel. "We argued with them for half an hour this morning about public meetings." Doucette said none of the groups presenting briefs to the panel had raised any objection to opening the meeting to the public and media.



But Kennedy said at least two groups — one in Halifax, the other in Calgary — had said they would not make a presentation if the meetings were open to the media, but she refused to name the two groups. "We felt we had to be consistent across the country," she said.

Sylvia Gold, president of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women said her group "would have preferred open meetings so that our recommendations regarding research into contraception could be reported to the public."

Many groups were concerned that the panel was formed entirely of medical practitioners, two of whom had already expressed their approval for the certification of Depo's contraceptive use. "These are not the neutral experts the government has promised," read a news release from the Toronto Coalition.

"We'd like to see a more open process with public meetings and the release of the information base upon which the government hopes to decide, along with consumer input and consumer representation in such a decision," the DAWN submission *Over Our Dead Bodies* states.

"Too many times drugs have been prematurely approved in the past after intense lobbying by drug companies," says Van Wyck, pointing to the fact that the Advisory Committee on Reproductive Physiology, which has recommended the certification of Depo twice, "has Upjohn people on it."

"We don't need another DES. We don't need another Thalidomide," says DAWN's submission. "And the general public doesn't either."

But Dr. Jack Walters, an Ottawa gynecologist and the chair of the Advisory Committee, says women opposed to the drug are "overreacting". According to all scientific data on the drug, he says, the drug is as safe as the Pill.

The vice president of Upjohn Co. of Canada agrees with Walters. "The drug is relatively safe," says Dr.

Douglas Squires. "I'm not saying that side effects do not occur — they absolutely could occur and this drug may not be appropriate for some women. But even aspirin has side effects...Hell, there are studies that show that celiacy can increase the incidence of breast cancer in some women."

Squires says that if Depo is approved, it will be used by women who cannot take the Pill because they are over 35 and/or smoke.

Walters thinks Depo is a "good contraceptive method" for women who are "uneducated." For instance, he says, there are "very few black women in South Africa who would understand how to take the Pill."

But Black women in South Africa have charged that the drug is being forcefully administered to them by government-funded family planning agencies. Dr. Nthato Motlana, a black South African physician, told the Toronto magazine *Healthsharing* in the fall of 1982 that Depo-Provera shots are being given to young black girls "without even asking their consent."

Meanwhile, at an IPPF-sponsored clinic in Thailand, 60,000 women have received Depo injections. "Each woman was given the time to make her 'free choice' and have her injection — 60 to 90 seconds. At the Khao I Dang refugee camp, women who agreed to be injected were promised a chicken — a powerful inducement in a camp where refugees are fed about four ounces of meat a week," the article in *Healthsharing* pointed out.

The closed meetings in Canada are perhaps a symbolic reminder that agencies such as the IPPF and WHO and companies like Upjohn are not properly informing women about the drug, let alone what its possible side effects are.

Over Our Dead Bodies documents many cases of handicapped women in Canada that have been administered the drug without their consent. Carolyn Colbourne, a member of DAWN who was on the drug for four years, says they never told her anything about the drug or its side effects. "I didn't have any kind of choice about taking it. How was I going to stop them? I experienced all kinds of side effects while on the drug — depression, loss of appetite, kidney haemorrhage."

Colbourne said most of the women at her institution had been put on the drug to "stop their menstruation for the convenience of the caretakers" without their informed consent. "It's wrong to put these women on a dangerous drug when they have no choice. It is wrong to use people as

guinea pigs, which we were."

As DAWN's submission to the panel points out, women who have used Depo do "not even get the same opportunity male sex offenders do to give informed consent." A copy of the consent form rapists are asked to sign before being administered Depo contains a lengthy explanation of all the possible side effects of the drug. The consent form was printed in the Feb., 1985 issue of *Modern Medicine of Canada* and lists such adverse effects as "inability to concentrate, depressed mood, loss of hair, inflammation of the veins" and "the possible development of cancer and blood clots."

Notwithstanding, doctors like Dr. Malcolm Potts, the present director of the International Fertility Research Program and former IPPF medical director, insists the drug must be given to millions of women over the course of decades before its carcinogenic effects can be judged. "We are not going to know whether Depo-Provera is safe," he explains, "until a large number of women use it for a very long time."

But as the DAWN submission says, "there are enough causes of disability already. Much as we like ourselves, we don't wish to see our numbers increased."

A drug company's capacity to use underprivileged women around the world as "human garbage cans" depends on the maintenance of people's ignorance. Closed and unpublicized meetings along with a dearth of information about the drug, serve that purpose. As the Advisory council on the Status of Women points out in a news release, "the open participation of consumers and interest groups and others is essential for the balanced consideration of ethical, psychological and sociological issues" with respect to the pending decision on Depo-Provera.

Dr. Squires says he has "problems with people who intermix sociology and medicine." He says doctors are better qualified to judge whether a woman should use Depo — "Should we listen to the experts or special interest groups who have some sociological reasons for feeling this drug is not appropriate for women to use?" he asks.

But because of the "potential for the drug to be misused," says Dr. Marion Powell of the Toronto Bay Centre for Birth Control, "it is far too important an issue to be left in the hands of the medical profession."

Depo-Provera critics say women must be better informed of contraceptive methods and consulted in decision-making, as they are the ones most affected by drugs like Depo-Provera. Although men control most information on Depo and regulate its use throughout the world, women are calling on the government to heed their concerns, and to put more time, money and energy into finding safer, surer methods of birth control.

But is the government listening?

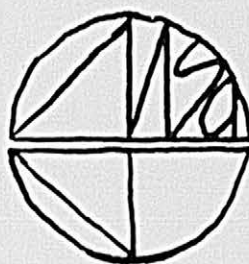
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Erratum:

An article entitled "Shipping company drops Namibian uranium" appeared in last Monday's issue, which contained certain factual errors. The name of the shipping line should have read "Canadian Christensen African Lines," not "Christlan." There are no British crown-corporations. As well, it is the "Access to Information Act," not the American "Freedom of."

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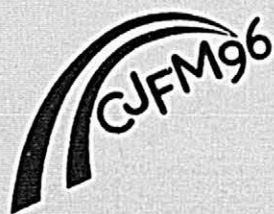


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